

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

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Claims 1, 3-8, 32, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cok (US 6,911,772).

Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Park et al.

Claims 2 and 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok in view of Yoneda et al. (US 2001/0026127).

Claims 9-11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok in view of Kanai et al. (US 6,121,727).

Claims 12, 14, 16, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have amended claims 1, 12, 32, and 33 to further define the invention. Accordingly, claims 1-17, 32, and 33 are pending for further consideration.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-10, 32, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Park et al. (US 2003/0201445) and claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Park et al.

On October 6, 2003, Applicants filed a Claim for Priority and a Certified copy of Korean Patent Application No. 2002-0049288. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), Applicants submit concurrently herewith a verified translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2002-0049288, filed in Korea on August 20, 2002, to establish the earlier date of invention for the Applicants' invention. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Park et al. should be removed as prior art in this application.

Claims 1, 3-8, 32, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cok (US 6,911,772), claims 2 and 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok in view of Yoneda et al. (US 2001/0026127), claims 9-11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok in view of Kanai et al. (US 6,121,727), and claims 12, 14, 16, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections on grounds that none of the applied references, whether taken singly or combined, teach or suggest the combination of features recited by amended independent claims 1, 12, 32, and 33.

Independent claims 1, 12, 32, and 33, as amended, recite an organic electroluminescent display device or method including, in part, a color filter layer “*directly* on the inner surface of the second substrate,” (emphasis added). In direct contrast to Applicants' claimed invention, Cok explicitly discloses and shows, in FIGs. 2-4, for example, a color filter layer 40R/40G/40B purposely disposed apart from the encapsulating cover 36 by a gap 34, as well as a TFT layer 14 disposed on a substrate 12. Moreover, Cok shows, in FIG. 1, a color filter layer 19R/19G/19B spaced apart from the encapsulating cover 36 by the gap 34.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that Cok is completely silent with regard to placement of a color filter layer “directly on the inner surface of the second substrate,” as required by amended independent claims 1, 12, 32, and 33, and hence dependent claims 2-11 and 13-31.

In addition, Applicants respectfully assert that neither Yoneda et al. nor Kanai et al., whether taken singly or combined, remedy the deficiencies of Cok, as detailed above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that Cok, Yoneda et al. and/or Kanai et al. fail to render the presently-claimed invention obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-17, 32, and 33 are neither taught nor suggested by the applied prior art references, whether taken alone or in combination. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a) should be withdrawn because the above-discussed novel combination of features are neither taught nor suggested by any of the applied references.

CONCLUSION

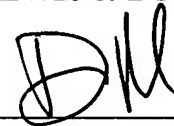
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner believe that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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